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Employment Opportunities in Textile Sector
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employment opportunities generated in Textile industry is far less than the target set in this regard for the last five years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the extent to which employment generation remained less in Textile industry during the last two years; and

(c) the details of action plan of the Government to achieve the set target?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

(a) to (c): Employment in Textiles & Apparel is mainly in the informal sector while data availability is confined to the formal sector only. As per a quick quarterly assessment on employment carried out by the Labour Bureau for the formal sector, employment generation in T&A in the last two years as may be seen from the table below:-

Figures in lakhs

Sector June 2014 to June 2015 June 2015 to Dec. 2015 (2 Quarters only)

Textiles including Handloom and Powerloom 1.18 0.62

To enhance employment opportunities in the textile sector, Government has recently launched a special package for the apparel and made-ups sector, both of which sectors have a high employment generation potential. Additionally, the Government implements the Skill development programme which aims at enhancing the employment potential of textile workers through skilling, other infrastructure related programmes like SITP, Processing etc., capital subsidy programme like ATUFS and development programmes focusing on silk , wool, jute and Powerloom , handloom and handicraft sector with the aim of enhancing production and employment generation under textiles .

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